WITH 5-YEAR WARRANTY

Owner's Manual

Marlin®

L.C. Smith
Over/Under Shotgun

IMPORTANT

This manual contains operating, care and maintenance instructions. To assure safe operation, any user of this firearm must read this manual carefully. Failure to follow the instructions and warnings in this manual can cause accidents resulting in injury or death. This manual should always accompany this firearm, and be transferred with it upon change of ownership.

The warranty card attached to the cover must be filled out and mailed within 10 days of purchase.

WARNING: KEEP THIS FIREARM OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN, UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS, AND OTHERS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE SAFE HANDLING OF FIREARMS.

LIMITED WARRANTY AND CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP

To insure warranty protection, this card must be completed and mailed within 10 days of purchase.

Model _____

Serial Number _____ Date of Purchase _____

I have read the Owner's Manual
and request registration of my warranty. _____
(signature of owner)

Please Print

Owner _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

e-mail _____

Name of Store where purchased _____ City _____ State _____

To help us provide new and better products we would appreciate your answers to the following questions.

Your Occupation
- ❑ Farm
- ❑ Student
- ❑ Office
- ❑ Industrial
- ❑ Professional
- ❑ Managerial

Your Age Group
- ❑ Under 18
- ❑ 18-24
- ❑ 25-34
- ❑ 35-49
- ❑ 50+

Was this product a gift?
- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

Which of these influenced your purchase?
- ❑ Previous experience with product
- ❑ Brand reputation
- ❑ Marlin web site
- ❑ Marlin advertisement
- ❑ Marlin catalog

LIMITED WARRANTY

The Marlin Firearms Company
FIVE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY AGAINST DEFECTS IN MATERIAL & WORKMANSHIP

This firearm warranty is good only to the ORIGINAL OWNER who has registered his ownership with The Marlin Firearms Company at 100 Kenna Drive, North Haven, Connecticut.

WARRANTY and CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP card **must** be completed and mailed to The Marlin Firearms Company at the above address WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS of purchase to insure the protection of the warranty. NOTICE of defect in materials and/or workmanship **must** be received by the company WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS from the date of purchase.

Normal wear, or damage resulting from neglect, abuse, alteration, or repairs not made or authorized by The Marlin Firearms Company or use of non-Marlin parts are not covered by the warranty.

THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER RIGHTS WHICH VARY FROM STATE TO STATE.

MARLIN'S PERFORMANCE UNDER THE ABOVE WARRANTY

1. After notice of defect in material and/or workmanship is received by The Marlin Firearms Company, Marlin shall send instructions for shipment of the firearm; and repairs will be made and the firearm returned within a reasonable time after the firearm is received. Cost of shipping, insurance charges, etc. involved in returning the firearm to the company shall be prepaid by the original owner.
2. Cost of parts and labor performed shall be provided without charge by The Marlin Firearms Company.
3. If The Marlin Firearms Company, after receipt of the firearm, determines that the defects in material and/or workmanship were the result of abuse and/or neglect, or otherwise not covered by the warranty set forth above, Marlin shall notify such owner to that effect and give an estimate for repair. In such cases, repair, return shipping and insurance charges, etc. shall be paid by such owner.
4. In the event that The Marlin Firearms Company is unable to make warranty repairs to the firearm, it shall, within a reasonable time after its receipt, notify the owner to that effect and give him the option either to receive a replacement of the same model, if then available in its inventory, or to receive a refund, either of which, if feasible, will be made through the store of purchase.

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Ammunition

1. Use only high quality, original, factory-manufactured shotgun shells. Do not use cartridges that are dirty, wet, corroded, malformed or damaged. Do not oil cartridges or spray aerosol type lubricants, preservatives or cleaners directly onto cartridges or where excess spray may flow into contact with cartridges. Lubricant or other foreign matter on cartridges can cause potentially dangerous ammunition malfunctions. Use only ammunition of the gauge or caliber for which your firearm is chambered.

2. The use of reloaded, "remanufactured," handloaded, or other non-standard ammunition voids all warranties. Improperly loaded ammunition voids all warranties. Improperly loaded ammunition can be extremely dangerous. Severe damage to the firearm and serious injury to the shooter or to others may result. Always use ammunition that complies with the industry performance standards established by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute, Inc. of the United States (SAAMI), or the equivalent from other countries.

3. Firearms may be severely damaged and serious injury to the shooter or to others may result from any condition causing excessive pressure inside the chamber or barrel during firing. Excessive pressure can be caused by obstructions in the barrel, propellant powder overloads, or by the use of the incorrect cartridges or defectively assembled cartridges. In addition, the use of a dirty, corroded, or damaged cartridge can lead to a burst cartridge case and consequent damage to the firearm and personal injury from the sudden escape of high-pressure propellant gas from the firearm's mechanism.

4. Immediately stop shooting and check the barrel for a possible obstruction whenever:

- You have difficulty in, or feel unusual resistance in, chambering a cartridge, or
- A cartridge misfires (does not go off), or
- The mechanism fails to extract a fired cartridge case, or
- Unburned grains of propellant powder are discovered spilled in the mechanism, or
- A shot sounds weak or abnormal. In such cases, it is possible that a wad is lodged part way down the barrel. Firing a subsequent shot charge into the obstructed barrel can damage the firearm and cause serious injury to the shooter or to bystanders.

5. If there is any reason to suspect that something is obstructing the barrel (this can be anything – dirt, mud, snow, sand, water, a wad, etc.), immediately unload the firearm and look through both bores. It is not sufficient to merely look in the chambers. An obstruction may be lodged some distance down the barrel, where it can not easily be seen.

IF SOMETHING IS IN THE BORE, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SHOOT IT OUT BY USING ANOTHER CARTRIDGE, OR BY BLOWING IT OUT WITH A BLANK OR A SHELL FROM WHICH THE SHOT HAS BEEN REMOVED. SUCH TECHNIQUES CAN GENERATE EXCESSIVE PRESSURE, DAMAGE THE FIREARM AND CAUSE SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY.

6. Dirt, corrosion, or other foreign matter on a cartridge can impede complete chambering and may cause the cartridge case to burst upon firing. The same is true of cartridges which are damaged or deformed.

7. Do not oil cartridges and be sure to wipe the chamber clean of any oil or preservative before commencing to shoot. Oil interferes with the friction between cartridge case and chamber wall that is necessary for safe functioning, and subjects the firearm to stress similar to that imposed by excessive pressure.

8. Use lubricants sparingly on the moving parts of your firearm. Avoid excessive spraying of any aerosol gun care product, especially where it may get on ammunition. All lubricants and aerosol spray lubricants in particular, can penetrate cartridge primers and cause misfires. Some highly penetrative lubricants can also migrate inside shell cases and cause deterioration of the propellant powder; on firing, the powder may not ignite. If only the primer ignites, there is danger that the wad may become lodged in the barrel.

- WARNING: Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, and other serious physical injury. Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.

How to Operate the Safety

Prior to firing, know and understand the operation of the safety by practicing with the shotgun unloaded.

The safety is a rectangular switch located on the tang of the action, directly behind the top lever of the shotgun, which slides forward and backward. When the switch is at the rear end of its travel, the letter "S"appears immediately in front of the switch (see A). This means the shotgun will not fire when the trigger is pulled. When the switch is in its forward-most position, the "S" is covered. This means the shotgun is NOT ON SAFE and will fire when the trigger is pulled (see B).

Safety ON

Safety OFF

- WARNING: The safety switch is not automatic. In other words, it does not automatically go to the SAFE position when the shotgun breech is opened and closed. It must be manually moved to the SAFE position.

Never try to put the safety switch between the SAFE and FIRE positions. Unless the safety is positioned all the way forward or all the way to the rear, you cannot be certain whether it is on SAFE or FIRE.

The safest way to carry this shotgun is with NO shells in the chambers. If you feel that you must carry the shotgun with shells in the chambers, then the safety must be on SAFE. When you are ready to fire, the safety can quickly be moved to

the FIRE position. The only time the safety should be placed in the FIRE position is when you intend to shoot.

- WARNING: Never disassemble the safety mechanism. It has been correctly designed, fitted and tested. Any mechanical device can fail, however, so never rely on the safety to justify careless handling. Never use a firearm with a safety that does not function properly.

How to Load

- WARNING: Never attempt to load your shotgun with ammunition that does not meet the cartridge designation stamped on the inside of the action. This designation is only visible when the shotgun's action is open.
- WARNING: Before loading this firearm, always check the bores to be sure they are free of grease, oil or any other obstruction. Be sure the chambers are empty and the safety is on SAFE.

To open the action of the shotgun, first make sure the gun is pointed in a safe direction. With one hand, move the top lever to the right as far as it will go (don't use excessive force – it should move easily). With the other hand, pull down on the barrels until the action is fully open (see C & D). Insert one or two shells of the proper gauge into the chambers.

Keeping you fingers away from the trigger and out of the action, close the action by pulling up on the barrels until it snaps shut. Do not use excessive force in closing the action – it should close easily and you should hear an audible "click" as the action locks. When the action is closed and locked, the top lever will return to its former position, pointing straight to the rear (see E). If it does not do so, do not attempt to fire the gun as the action is not fully locked. Damage to the gun and serious injury to you or others may result.

Closing the action automatically cocks the firing pins on both barrels. As soon as the action is loaded and fully closed, the gun is cocked and ready to fire. Unless you intend to fire the gun as soon as it is loaded, the safety switch should be kept in the SAFE position.

Action fully open

Top lever in action-open position.

Top lever in action-closed position.

How to Fire

With the gun pointed at the target, move the safety to the FIRE position (all the way forward), aim, and pull the trigger. The selected barrel will fire. To fire the second barrel, pull the trigger again. If you don't fire both shells, be sure to put the safety on SAFE until you are ready to shoot again.

Firing Sequence Selection

The safety switch on the tang of your shotgun has a dual function. In the center of the switch is a button that can be moved to the left or right. The position of this button determines which barrel will fire first when the trigger is pulled. When the button is moved to the right, a single red dot is revealed (see F). The single dot means the bottom barrel has been selected to fire first. If the trigger is pulled again, the top barrel will then fire. If the shooter wishes the top barrel to fire first, the button should be moved to the left, revealing two red dots (see G).

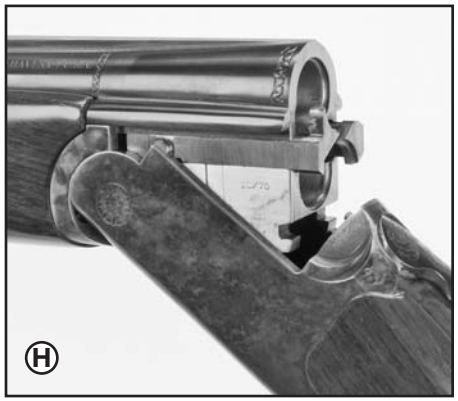
Single dot–bottom barrel fires first.

Two dots–top barrel fires first.

Selective Ejectors

Your shotgun is fitted with automatic ejectors that eject fired shells when the action is opened. The ejectors will not eject unfired shells. If two shells are loaded, but only one has been fired, only the fired shell will be ejected (see H).

- WARNING: Take care not to point the rear of the action toward yourself or another person when opening the action. The fired shells are ejected with enough force to cause possible eye injury.



Selective ejectors

How to Unload

With the safety on SAFE, and the shotgun pointed in a safe direction, open the action and manually remove the unfired shells from the chambers. The ejectors will pull the shells from the chambers far enough that you can reach them.

- WARNING: Before placing the gun in a vehicle or returning it to storage, always unload it and visually inspect the interior of the chambers to make sure that they are empty.

What to do if Your Shotgun Fails to Fire

1. Misfires: If you squeeze the trigger and the cartridge does not fire, remain in the shooting position and count to 30. Then move the safety switch to SAFE and open the action to remove the misfired cartridge from the gun.

2. Underpowered Shot: An underpowered cartridge is unusual if the ammunition is fresh, clean, and factory loaded. However, if you hear an unusual sound or low report, you should stop immediately and proceed as follows: Because the wad and powder from the shell may still be in the barrel, you must unload the gun completely and then look through both barrels from the action end (not the muzzle) to see if there is any obstruction. A wad can usually be successfully removed with a cleaning rod. If not, it, or any other stubborn obstruction, should be removed by an authorized gunsmith.

How to Clean Your Shotgun

- WARNING: Before cleaning your shotgun, be certain it is completely unloaded and the action is open.

Never attempt to wipe down or clean a loaded firearm. Follow instructions under "How to Unload" before cleaning.

Regular, proper cleaning of your shotgun will help to extend its useful life and assure proper functioning. Cleaning is especially important if the gun gets wet or if foreign material gets into the action or barrels.

To clean the chambers and bores, you will need a standard commercial shotgun cleaning rod, a bronze bore brush of the proper diameter, a commercial powder solvent, and cleaning patches. Never use a steel bore brush as it may damage the bore. It is usually wise to use a solvent that also removes the traces of plastic that are sometimes left in the bores during the passage of the wads.

First, run a patch saturated with solvent through the bores and let it stand for a few minutes. Then run the bronze brush through the bores, followed by clean, dry patches. Use additional dry patches until they come out clean. If necessary, repeat the entire procedure. Finally, run a patch through the bores that has been saturated with light gun oil to protect them from rust.

Dry and clean the outer surfaces of the gun with a soft cloth, removing all moisture and fingerprints. You may find an old toothbrush useful for cleaning hard-to-reach crevices. Finally, apply a light coat of gun oil to the action and all external metal surfaces. Do not over-oil. Applying a small amount of light gun grease to the action hinges and to the surfaces where the metal of the forearm and the action meet once or twice a year (more often if the gun is heavily used) will help to make the gun open and close smoothly.

It will help to keep the wood of the stock in good condition and preserve its beauty by occasionally rubbing in a light coat of linseed oil.

Take-Down Instructions

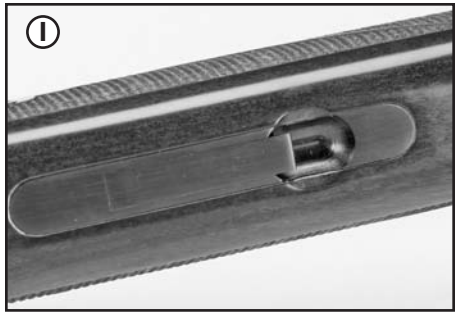
If you wish to take-down your shotgun for transport or storage, proceed as follows:

1. Place the safety switch on SAFE.

2. Make sure the shotgun is unloaded.

3. In the center of the underside of the forearm stock, there is a release lever located in an oval depression in the wood (see I). To remove the forearm, pull the release lever toward the rear of the gun while pulling the front end of the forearm away from the barrels. With the forearm removed, move the top lever to the right and open the action. The barrels may then be lifted away from the action.

4. Reassemble in reverse order. It is not necessary to pull the release lever when re-installing the forearm. Place the rear end of the forearm in position, then push the forearm toward the barrels. It should snap easily into place. Do not use excessive force.



Forearm release lever on underside of stock

NOTE: Further disassembly of your shotgun is not recommended, and should be done by an authorized gunsmith.

During freezing conditions, oil may congeal and cause sluggish operation of your gun. It is recommended that only a very thin coat of light oil be used in these conditions.

Condensation droplets of water will form soon after a cold firearm is brought into a warm room. The gun may also become wet during inclement weather. In these cases, all moisture should be removed immediately to avoid the formation of rust. Exterior metal finish may be wiped down with a lightly oiled cloth.

For long term storage, lightly oil the bore, barrel and action with gun oil. Your firearm should be completely unloaded and stored in a dry area. Never store your firearm in a carrying case.

Use of Steel Shot

- WARNING: Steel shot is substantially harder than lead shot. It is enclosed in a plastic wad in most reputable shotshells to help protect the barrel from scoring by the hard steel shot. However, when the steel shot charge passes through the choke constriction in the barrel, the barrel or screw-in choke may be damaged if a tightly-constricted choke is in place. For that reason, we strongly recommend that a choke of no greater constriction than Modified be used when firing steel shot in your shotgun. Use of an Improved Modified or Full choke when firing steel shot will void your warranty.

Choke Tube System

Your shotgun was provided with three choke tubes (IC, M, F) to meet varying shooting and hunting situations.

A unique notching system allows choke tubes to be easily identified in minimal light conditions, as shown in the following chart.

NO. OF SLOTS ON CHOKE TUBE	CHOKE DESIGNATION
I	Full
II	Improved Modified
III	Modified
IIII	Improved Cylinder
IIIII	Cylinder

Your shotgun barrels are threaded to accept any chokes with American standard 32 threads-per-inch threading.

- WARNING: Always open the action and unload your shotgun before changing chokes. NEVER fire your shotgun without choke tubes installed. Doing so may damage the threads and/or barrels. Always make sure the choke tubes are firmly screwed into the barrels, but do not over-tighten. Never use a choke that is bent or out-of-round.

Repair Instructions

Your firearm has been designed, engineered and manufactured in accordance with Marlin's rigid quality control standards. However, any mechanical device may occasionally require adjustment or repair.

Questions regarding the performance and serviceability of your firearm should be addressed to our Service Department. You should include the Serial Number, Model Number and a full description of the conditions and problems involved.

Warranty Repairs

Our Warranty policy covers all our firearms against defects in workmanship or material for a period of five years from the date of purchase to the original owner. See the inside front cover of this manual for warranty details.

Guns requiring warranty repairs should be returned to the factory. Be sure to follow the “Shipping and Handling” instructions in this manual.

Non-Warranty Repairs

Your local gunsmith may be able to repair your gun. If not, ship it to the factory, following the “Shipping and Handling” instructions in this manual.

After receiving your firearm, we will send you an estimate of the repair cost. Repairs will begin upon receipt of your check or money order. If repairs are not possible, your firearm will be returned.

Shipping and Handling

When sending your firearm to the factory, please follow these instructions:

1. Prior to shipping, be absolutely certain that the firearm is completely unloaded (See “How to Unload”).
2. Pack your firearm carefully. Use ample cushioning material and a sturdy outer cardboard box. Do not ship in a special container which you want returned.
3. Accessories such as scopes, scope mounts, gun case, quick-detach type swivels, slings, etc. should be removed prior to returning the firearm.
4. Inside the box, include the following information: model number, serial number, description of damage or problem, and under what conditions problem occurs.
5. ***Keep a record of your serial number when returning a firearm.***
6. Clearly mark your return address on the outside of the box and on your instruction sheet.
7. Do not ship live ammunition under any circumstances.
8. Ship your firearm via insured Parcel Post or U.P.S. Shipment must be prepaid and addressed to:

MFC INC.
ATTN: SERVICE DEPT.
100 KENNA DRIVE
NORTH HAVEN, CONN. 06473

IMPORTANT

If you have any questions or problems relating to your new Marlin, would like additional information on safe operation, or wish to order parts or accessories, just call our Customer Service Center. A Service Representative can be reached at the number listed below, between 8 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. (Eastern Time), Monday through Friday.

1-800-544-8892
(Toll Free)

Please record the firearm serial number, date of purchase and where purchased below.

Serial #: _____

Date of Purchase: _____

Purchased From: _____

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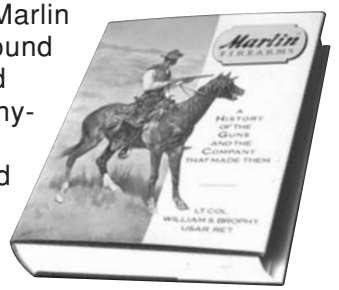
In case of loss or theft, supply this information to the proper authorities.

The Fascinating History of Marlin

Written by the late William S. Brophy, Marlin's Senior Technical Manager and Official Company Historian for many years, this prodigious book details the history of the Marlin Firearms Co. and its products. The hardbound volume contains more than 600 pages and over 1000 illustrations. Must reading for anyone interested in all the models — pistols, rifles and shotguns — made by Marlin, and in the story of more than a century of firearms production in America.



For more information, write:
Marlin Firearms Co.
Department OM
100 Kenna Drive
North Haven, CT 06473

Marlin's Guide to Gun Safety

1. Read and understand the owner's manual before using a firearm.
2. If you are unfamiliar with firearms, attend a firearms safety class taught by a certified instructor.
3. Handle every firearm as if it were loaded and ready to fire.
4. Control the muzzle, and never point a firearm at anything you don't want to shoot.
5. Keep the safety on SAFE until you are ready to shoot.
6. Unless you are hunting, carry your firearm empty, with the action open.
7. Before shooting, be sure you have an adequate backstop. All ammunition is dangerous beyond your line of sight.
8. Avoid ricochets by never shooting at water or any hard, flat surface.
9. Do not run, climb, or jump over an obstacle with a loaded firearm.
10. Do not climb into or out of a tree or tree stand with a loaded firearm. Do not allow others to pass loaded firearms to you while in a tree stand.
11. Do not enter or ride in a motor vehicle with loaded firearms.
12. Do not lean a loaded firearm against anything.
13. Do not bump, drop or jar a loaded firearm.
14. Do not pull a firearm toward you by the muzzle.
15. Wear hearing protectors when shooting.
16. Wear impact-protective glasses when shooting, disassembling or cleaning firearms.
17. Avoid alcoholic beverages and drugs before and during shooting.
18. Use only ammunition of the correct gauge, caliber, size and bullet shape for your firearm.
19. Do not use damaged, dirty, modified, or improperly handloaded ammunition.
20. Keep the barrel and mechanism of the firearm free of obstructions.
21. Do not use a firearm that fails to function properly. Do not try to force a jammed action.
22. Be sure no one is in the path of ejecting shells or cartridges.
23. Do not interchange parts between firearms, and be sure disassembly and reassembly are correct and complete.
24. Before cleaning, be sure the chamber, action and magazine are completely unloaded.
25. Unload firearms before storing, transporting, or leaving unattended.
26. Store firearms and ammunition separately, locked and out of the reach of children.

Failure to follow these rules, or other instructions in this manual, can result in personal injury.

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⚠ WARNING

Children are attracted to and can operate firearms that can cause severe injuries or death.

Prevent child access by always keeping guns locked away and unloaded when not in use. If you keep a loaded firearm where a child obtains and improperly uses it, you may be fined or sent to prison.

⚠ ADVERTENCIA

A los niños los atraen las armas de fuego y las pueden hacer funcionar. Ellos pueden causarse lesiones graves y la muerte.

Evite que los niños tengan acceso a las armas de fuego guardándolas siempre con llave y descargadas cuando no las esté utilizando. Si usted tiene un arma de fuego cargada en un lugar en que un niño tiene acceso a ella y la usa indebidamente, le pueden dar una multa o enviarlo a la carcel.

Health Warning: Discharging of firearms in poorly ventilated areas and handling ammunition may cause exposure to lead and/or lead compounds. Exposure may cause cancer, birth defects or damage to the kidney, nervous, blood forming and reproductive systems. Have adequate ventilation at all times, especially in confined areas. Wash hands thoroughly after shooting, handling ammunition, or cleaning a firearm. Do not eat or smoke during these activities.

Safety Warning: Marlin strongly recommends that you take a hunter safety course, taught by a certified instructor, before you use this firearm. Your State Fish & Game Dept. or a local gun shop can suggest courses in your area.

Safety Warning: Keep this firearm out of the reach of children, unauthorized individuals, and others unfamiliar with the safe handling of firearms.

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